

OPTIONAL PLAN CONFORMANCE/NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD

CX-NM-060-02-0023

U. S. Corps of Engineers

Serial No.: NM-23624 (PLO 6182)

BLM Office: Roswell Field Office

Proposed Action Title/Type: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to extend Public Land Order No. 6182 for a 20-year period. This order withdrew public lands from surface entry and mining for the use of the New Mexico Army National Guard near Tucumcari, New Mexico.

Location of Proposed Action: T. 12 N., R. 30 E., N.M.P.M.
Section 32: Lots 1 and 2.

Description of Proposed Action: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to extend Public Land Order No. 6182 for an additional 20-year period. Public Land Order No. 6182, which will expire on March 7, 2002, withdrew approximately 52.70 acres in Quay County, New Mexico, from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, 30 U.S.C. Ch. 2, but not from the mineral leasing laws.

PART I: PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW.

The proposed action is consistent with the approved Roswell Resource Area Management Plan and is consistent with Bureau policy and guidance.

The proposed action is consistent with State and local government programs, plans, zoning, and applicable regulations. The land is suitable for the proposed use and would not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation.

PART II: NEPA REVIEW

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4, E (1). The proposed action has been reviewed and determined that none of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Reviewed and Prepared by:

/s/ Irene Gonzales-Salas
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Date

III. DECISION.

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved Roswell Management Plan and is consistent with Bureau policy and guidance and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to approve the extension of Public Land Order No. 6182 for an additional 20-year period. Public Land Order No. 6182, will continue to withdraw

approximately 52.70 acres in Quay County, New Mexico, from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, 30 U.S.C. Ch. 2, but not from the mineral leasing laws.

____/s/sLarry D. Bray_____
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____01-30-02_____
Date